

FORMER EXCHANGE STUDENT HERE ON VISIT FROM NATIVE GERMANY

Roland Mohrmann, a former foreign exchange student, returned to Torrance this week after a five-year lapse to address the Torrance Chapter of American Field Service. The one-time student-houseguest of Judge and Mrs. Donald Armstrong, who is in the States to escort this year's crop of American summer exchange students to Europe later this month, spoke on the ways in which a former student advances the field service program after returning to his homeland.

A native of Germany, Mohrmann has been teaching high school in Wales during the past year.

When he departs for Europe from New York June 18, the

group he will be escorting will include Mary Smiley of Torrance High School, who will spend the summer in Austria; Gerald Duncan of North High School, who will live with a German family; and Michael Robbin of South High School, who has selected Finland for his summer home.

PRECEDING Mohrmann's talk at the home of Mrs. John Melville, 1512 El Prado, Monday officers for the coming year were installed as follows: Mmes. Henry Schmal, chairman; Thomas Parker, recording secretary; Theo Linhart Jr., corresponding secretary; A. C. Turner, treasurer; Thomas O'Malley, home placement; Thomas Smiley, ways and

means; Carol C. Duncan, co-ordinator for Americans abroad; James Clemenger, activities; John Melville, publicity; and John Walti, speaking engagements.

FUNCTIONS of the Torrance Chapter of American Field Service include checking on how the foreign student is getting on with his Torrance school and family; planning trips for the students who are visitors here; selecting local homes for them; arranging for them to make speaking engagements after the first of the year; and selecting the local junior students who will go abroad for the summer.



VISITS TORRANCE AGAIN . . . Roland Mohrmann, who came to America from his native Germany under the auspices of the American Field Service to study, returned this week to visit AFS representatives and his former hosts, Judge and Mrs. Donald Armstrong. Here he visits at the home of Mrs. John Melville (seated) and chats with others (from the left): Mmes. Thomas Parker, John Walpi, Thomas O'Malley and Henry Schmal. (Herald photo)

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Polynesian Rebuilding Finished, Grand Opening Slated June 10-11

Reconstruction of the Polynesian Restaurant, 3901 Pacific Coast Hwy., which was virtually destroyed five months ago by a devastating fire, was this week completed and will be publicly unveiled on June 10-11 with grand re-opening ceremonies.

The \$85,000 project was finished in record time by the Harold Drews Construction Co., Palos Verdes Estates, which rebuilt the tropical-styled restaurant with structural materials imported from Samoa, Fiji, Hawaii and Tahiti. The architect was Earl Mason, AIA.

The Polynesian has also been expanded and completely refurbished with real South Sea island decorations to match the authenticity of design and building materials of the peek-roofed structure, which is known in the South Pacific as a "long hut."

The Torrance project represents a combined investment of approximately a half-million dollars, including the main building, property, other buildings on two acres of land, equipment and exotic furnishings.

Rotary Club Offers Study Fellowships

Some Torrance student will become eligible for a year of study abroad as a Rotary Foundation Fellow, it has been announced by President Jack Schmidt of the Rotary Club of Torrance.

Applications for the scholarship to permanent residents of Torrance only are being received now. Candidates must be single and between 20 and 29 years of age. They must have a college or university degree (or they must now be in their junior year) with a record of high scholastic standing and must have a thorough knowledge of the language of the country in which they wish to study.

APPLICANTS must also have the ability to make friends easily, be vitally interested in world affairs, and possess an instinct for leadership.

The applicant selected to represent the Torrance club will compete with representatives chosen by 29 other rotary clubs in Los Angeles cities south and west to the Pacific. Applications should be addressed to Rotary Club of Torrance, P. O. Box 4, Torrance, before the final deadline on Aug. 1.

SINCE THE program was inaugurated in 1947 in memory of the founder of Rotary, Paul P. Harris, Rotary Foundation Fellowships have been awarded to 1202 young men and women living in 67 countries for study in 44 countries. The one-year grants average \$2600 each, and the total grants have been in excess of \$3 million.

Rotary Foundation Fellowships are unique in that, with some 10,100 Rotary clubs in more than 100 countries throughout the world, the student is in direct contact with Rotarians and their families during his year away from home, no matter where he is studying. He attends their Rotary meetings, visits in their homes and places of business, and travels as much as possible during his school holidays. In this way, he sees first hand how the people in his host country live, and, through these close associations, he lays the essential foundations for increased international understanding, which is one of Rotary's principal objectives.

THE OIL INDUSTRY HAS COME A LONG WAY IN ITS FIRST 100 YEARS

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